Under utilisation of Funds by Ordnance Units

6025. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in his Report on Defence Service-Army and Ordnance Factories (No. 8 of 1991) has commented on under utilisation of funds by ordnance units;

(b) if so, the reasons for under utilisation of funds by these units; and

(c) the further steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The Comptroller & Auditor General of India in Report No.8 of 1991 has observed that there were persistent saving under Ordnance Factories, from 1987-88.

(b) The main reasons for saving under the Grant "Defence Ordnance Factories" were delays in the receipts of stores in 1987-88, non-finalisation of revised hourly rates of piece work in 1988-89 and higher recoveries for supplies made to Army, Navy, Air Force etc. in 1988-89 and 1989-90.

(c) Government keeps the requirement of funds under continual review, taking into account the progress of expenditure and other relevant considerations.

[Translation]

Employees of State Bank of Indore

6026. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees of State Bank of Indore who are retired compulsorily and those whose services were terminated by the bank during the period from 1986 to 1988, category-wise;

(b) the number of employees amongst them who were re-appointed on compassionate grounds alongwith their pay scales and the place of postings;

(c) whether the employees reappointed have not been paid the amount of provident fund contribution for their past service so far;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay, and ;

(e) the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Committee on National Handloom Development Corporation.

6027. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had set up a Committee some time back to look into the affairs of the National Handloom Development Corporation and suggest measures for improvement in its working;

(b) if so, the name of the members of the said Committee;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(d) If So, the details of recommendations made by the Committee; and

(e) if not, when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). The then Minister of Textiles had suggested the setting up of a Committee with the following members to look into the activities of National Handloom Development Corporation and suggest measures for improvement of its working:-

1. Shri Misri Lal Yadav, Village Pachadhi, Block Keot Distt. Darbhanga, Bihar.

2. Shri Baleshwar Yadav, Ex-MP, Padrouna, Uttar Pradesh.

3. Prof. Bhag Singh Arya, Village Kheri Materwa, P.O. Kaul, Distt. Kaithan, Haryana.

4. Shri Pragada Kotiah, M.P. (Rajya Sabha), 171, North Avenue, New Delhi.

5. Shri Kasim Ali Abid, Ex-MP, 1, Talkatroa Road, New Delhi.

Formal orders regarding formation of the said Committee were however, not issued as the election process was on,

(c) to (e). Does not arise.

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Maintainance of Roads in Delhi

6028. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the roads in Delhi have not been able to withstand the rigour and pressure of rain water and their condition has worsened during the rainy season;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to maintain the roads in traffic worthy condition;

(c) when were these roads re-layed ore repaired last and how much expenditure was incurred thereon;

(d) the period of life of the roads in Delhi;

(e) the reasons for poor quality laying of roads; and

(f) the steps taken to get the roads repaired/relayed at the cost of the contractors.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Constitutionally this Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highway only. All other roads are essentially the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territories concerned. Public roads in Delhi are maintained by the Delhi Administration, New Delhi Municipal Committee, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Delhi Cantonment Board. As reported by these Agencies, due to recent continuous rains, some of the roads had developed minor pot holes and other defect at a few places. Action has been/is being taken by the concerned agencies to repair the pot holes and damaged road surface temporarily. However the roads by and large are in traffic worthy condition.

(c) and (d). The period of life is approximately 5 years. All the roads are not simultaneously taken up for re-surfacing. Re-surfacing is normally done after a period of 5 years and repair work as and when required. During 1990-91 New Delhi Municipal Committee spent Rs. 80 lakhs, Delhi Administration Rs. 865.29 lakhs (excluding National Highways), Delhi Cantonment Board nil and Municipal Corporation of Delhi Rs.657.33 lakhs.

(e) and (f). There are no specific instances or poor quality laying of roads.